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1. DE 298 20 742 U1
2. English abstract of JP 05 185353 A
3. DE 42 26 549 C1

4. DE 40 23 428 A1
5. DE 200 12 052 U1 (English abstract provided)

Documents 1-4 are cited in the ISR. Document 5 is cited in the German Examination Report dated May 26, 2003. Documents 1 and 4 are also mentioned in the background of the specification. A concise explanation of relevancy for each non-English document is provided below:

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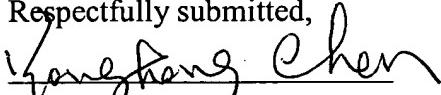
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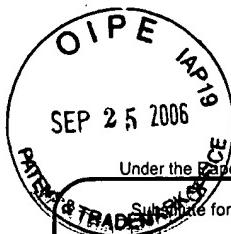
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